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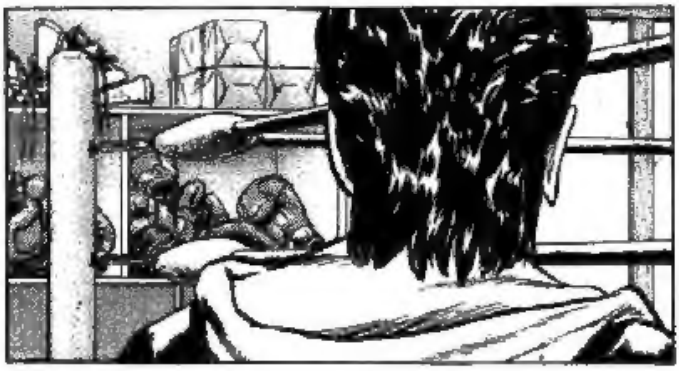
CHAPTER 127: IT
TAKES A GREAT MAN
TO UNDERSTAND ONE

WHO LET YOU IN HERE?
THIS ISN'T A PLAY-GROUND!



HEY! WHO THE HELL ARE YOU!?

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ASSHOLE!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO?

ARE YOU NEW AROUND HERE?
WH...

WHO THE HELL DO YOU...
YOU CAN'T JUST COME IN HERE AND TALK SHIT, FUCKER!

THERE'S A GLOVE ON THE GROUND OVER THERE.
YOU REALLY GOTTA CLEAN UP THE PLACE.

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THINK YOU ARE!?

AHH?!

AH... AHH ...
PUT YOUR LEFT HERE.

FOR A STRAIGHT, YOU WANT TO BE PULLING IT BACK AT THE SAME SPEED AND DIRECTION AS YOU THREW IT OUT.
YOU MAKE A BIG SWING LIKE THAT AND I CAN SLIP RIGHT INTO YOUR DISTANCE.

WHO...ARE YOU?

AAAHHHH !!!

HATANAKA ...AS IN...
WHA ...

OHASHI!
H- HATANAKA -SAN?
YOU CAME BACK?

TS/N- WHY DO GIRLS THINK THAT GUYS WHO REFUSE TO TALK TO THEM IS ATTRACTIVE?

TS/N- I CAN UNDERSTAND THE 'STRONG SILENT' TYPE BUT CAN'T THESE CHICKS SEE HE'S UPSET 'BOUT SOMETHING?

...OR WAIT UNTIL YOU GRADUATE.
I GET IT, YOU'RE CONFUSED. YOU DON'T KNOW IF YOU SHOULD GO PRO RIGHT AWAY...

YOU'RE HAPPY NOW, RIGHT?
YO, MAEDA-SAN! HOW'D YOU LIKE BEING ON TV? WAS IT ANY GOOD?

I TOLD YOU, MAEDA-SAN WASN'T THINKING ABOUT THAT.
HAHAHA... MAN, YOU'RE ACTING LIKE CHIAKI, JOE.
HUH?

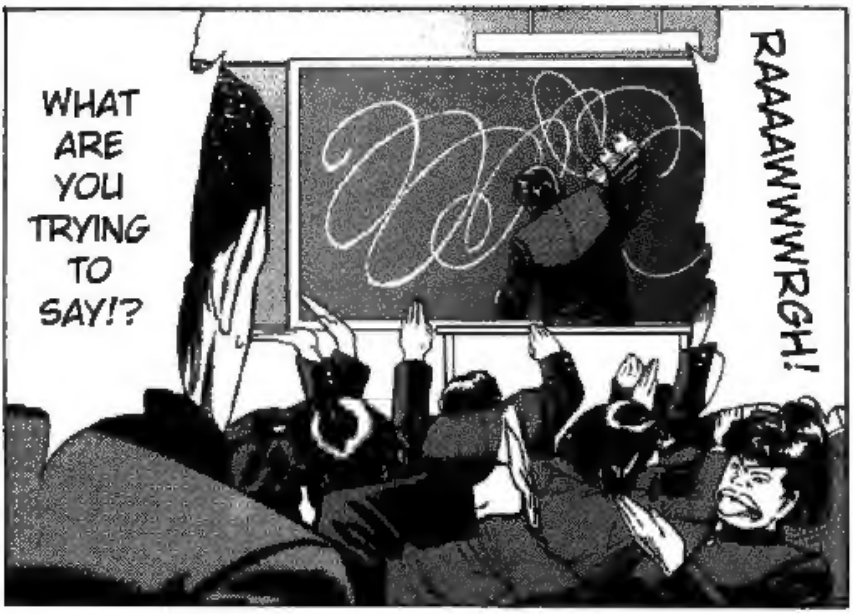
YA CAME ON AT A GOOD TIME!
GYAHA-HAHA! I SAW YA LAST NIGHT, TAISON!

HMPH. I'M HONESTLY EMBARRASSED TO EVEN TO GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS THAT CLOWN!
HEI-CHAN, YOU DON'T HAVE TO STAND RIGHT NEXT TO HIM TO SAY THAT...

OW!

I...I DIDN'T EVEN GET TO SAY ANYTHING...

EVERY-ONE SHUT UP!


WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY!?
RAAAAWWWRGH!

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MAEDA-KUN...

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MOVE IT!

GUESS HE FINALLY WENT CRAZY...
*whoop* *whoop*
HMPH. MORON.
HE...HE JUST LOST HIS SHIT...

I FIGURED AT LEAST YOU TWO WOULD UNDER-STAND.
WHAT WAS THAT!?

YOU GUYS ARE ALL DUMBER THAN I THOUGHT YOU'D BE.

SO DO YOU KNOW HARADA SEIKICHI? HE WAS ON TV LAST NIGHT...
YEAH, I SAW.

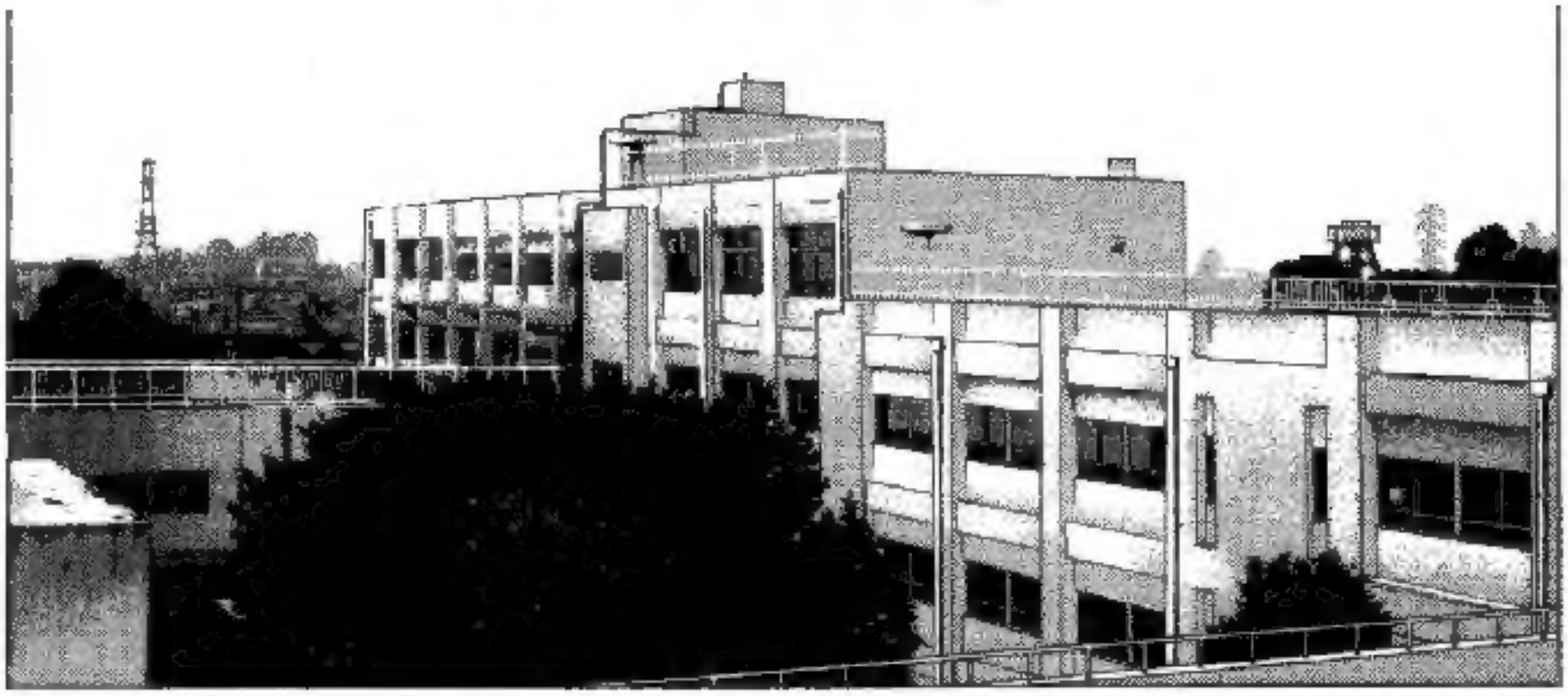
IT'S BEEN A LONG STORY, BUT I'VE GOTTEN A LOT BETTER THANKS TO HAMADA-SAN AND MAEDA-SAN.
GOTTEN BETTER, MY ASS!

SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO HAMADA...

I WAS IN HIS CLASSROOM EARLIER, AND ALL THE GIRLS WERE CROWDING AROUND HIM. MAEDA-SAN WAS BOOING.
PRETTY MUCH!
I FELT LIKE I'D FINALLY FOUND SOMEONE WITH SOME STRENGTH TO HIM. I HEAR HE'S FAMOUS AROUND HERE.

WELL, WITHOUT MAEDA-SAN THERE, SEIKICHI WOULD HAVE QUIT BOXING TOO.

MAEDA WAS...?
HAHAHA... SOMETIMES MAEDA-SAN CAN BE KIND OF CHILDISH...



SINCE YOU JUST SCREAMED AND STORMED OUT OF THE ROOM.
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

OH, YOU'RE UP HERE!

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WHAT ARE YOU HIDING?
NOTHING.

SO I THINK IT MIGHT BE BETTER FOR YOU TO BECOME A PRO.

IF YOU'RE A PRO, YOU CAN'T GET INTO FIGHTS.
I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET INTO FIGHTS...

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WHAT ?

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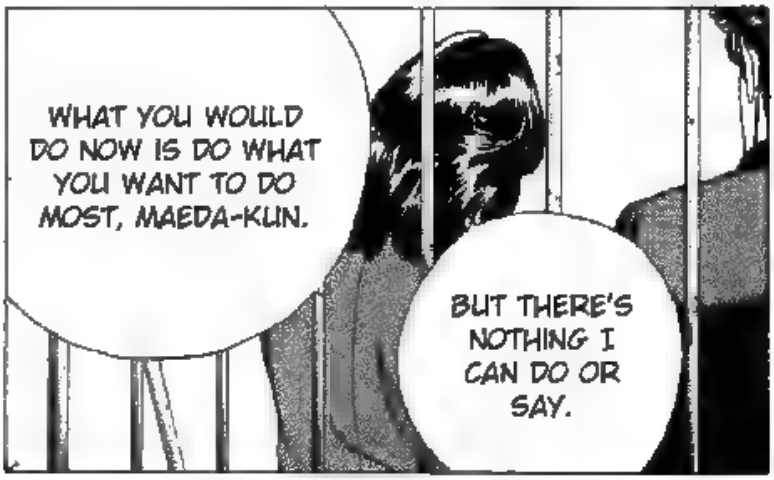
WHEN WE SAW HARADA-KUN IN THE RING YESTERDAY... IT FELT LIKE HE WAS IN A DIFFERENT WORLD FROM US.
THAT HE WAS FAR AWAY AND WE'D NEVER BE ABLE TO GET CLOSE TO HIM.

BUT IF YOU DO, YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO BECOME THE WORLD CHAMPION QUICKLY.

BUT I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE FAR AWAY.
I'D BE HAPPY IF YOU WERE THE CHAMPION, MAEDA-KUN...


WHAT YOU WOULD DO NOW IS DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO MOST, MAEDA-KUN.
BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO OR SAY.

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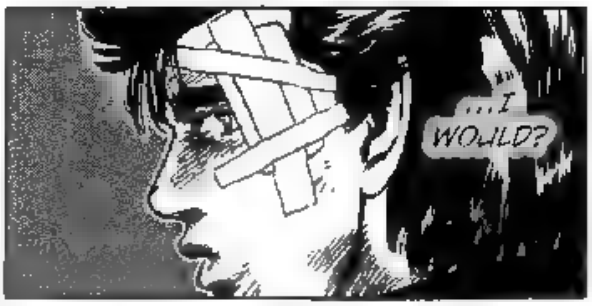
...I WOULD?

TO BE SO LOST.
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE YOU...

YOU GET FAMOUS AND YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE ROOM TO BREATHE ANYMORE...

PHEW ...

OKAY, HARADA ?
LOOKS LIKE WE BOTH OWE MAEDA SOMETHING. WHY DON'T WE HELP HIM OUT A LITTLE?

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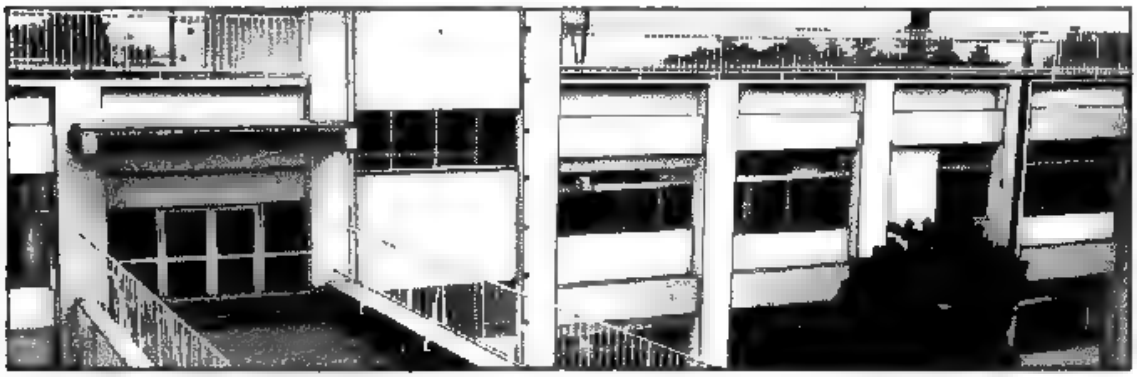
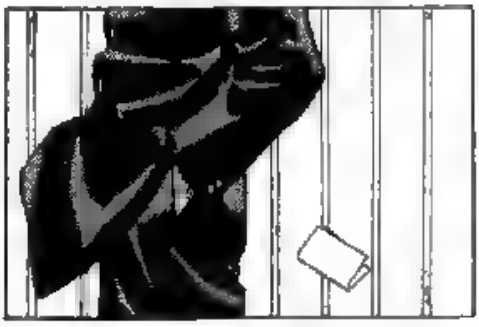
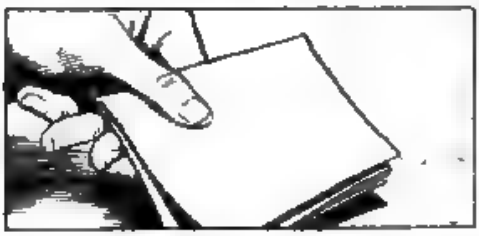
ARE YOU...
I SAW YOUR FIGHT YESTER-DAY.







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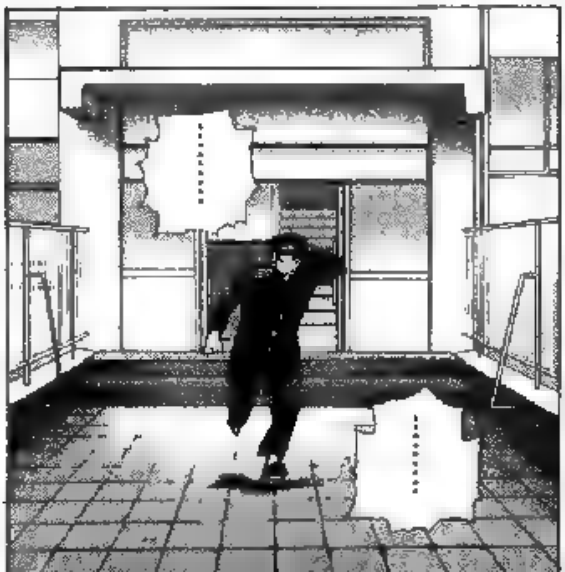

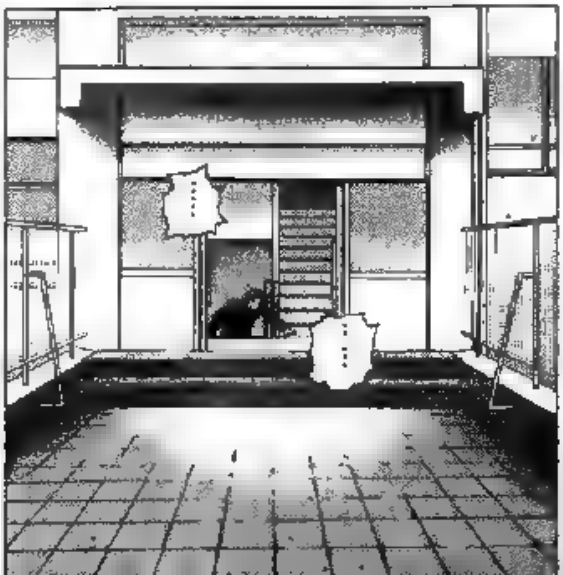

OH...

THERE IT IS!

MAEDA...
WH-WHAT ARE YOU TAKING ABOUT? I WAS JUST PRACTICING FILLING IT OUT!

SO YOU WANT TO TAKE THE PRO TEST?

HE WANTS TO SPAR WITH YOU.

HEY, MAEDA.

HATANAKA-SAN'S HERE.

WE JUST HAVE TO GIVE HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE.
JUST AS LONG AS MAEDA-SAN'S NOT JUST SITTING AROUND BEING LOST.

WHO ARE YOU EVEN GONNA FIGHT?
DOESN'T MATTER WHO.

HE KINDA FIGHTS WHEN HE WANTS TO...
HOW COULD THIS GO WRONG?

OH.
OH... MAEDA-SAN.

I'M BUSY.

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LET'S GO TO THE PARK AND FIGHT SOME GUYS!
YO, MAEDA-SAN. TIME TO CLEAR YOUR HEAD!

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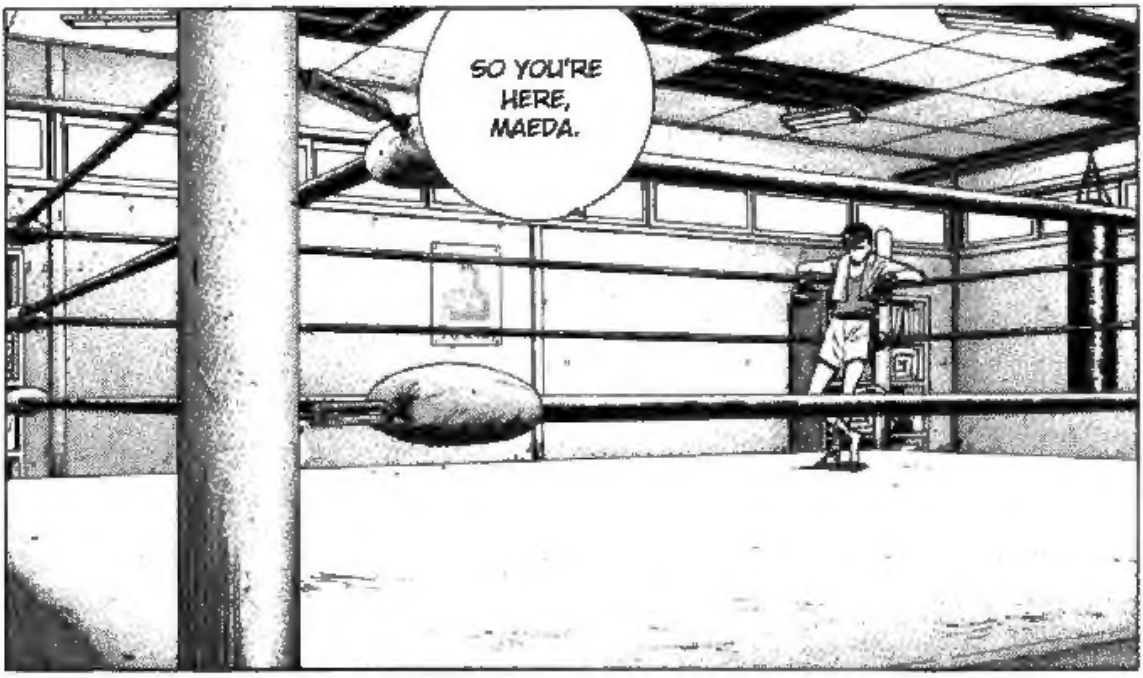
SO YOU'RE HERE, MAEDA.

AREN'T YOU TRYING NOT TO GET HURT?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT. WHEN'D YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?

YOU LOOK KINDA DOWN. WANT TO FIGHT?

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